

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

MARCH 3, 1980

The Executive Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:05 P.M.. Mayor Arrington and the following Councilmembers were present.

Mrs. Rosalie Jones
Mr. Thomas Brooks

Mr. Frank Blackwell
Mr. Ernest Digennaro

The Minutes were read and the following corrections were made:

Mr. Digennaro requested the Clerk to change the Minutes to read 65 degrees or 68 degrees on the thermostat reading at City Hall, during the day.

Mr. Blackwell informed the Clerk that he did not second a Motion. The Minutes will be corrected to read as such.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Blackwell expressed concern on the way that money is being transferred from one bank to another.

Mr. Stump, City Treasurer gave a brief report on the money that was taken out of Perpetual and put into General Funds.

Mayor Arrington stated that the reason for putting money in the bank in a savings account is to accumulate the interest. When money is needed for the payment of bills it is then transferred to the checking account which accounts for the difference in the balance.

Mr. Gallion arrived at 7:25 P.M..

Mr. Stump had received approximately \$91,000.00 in checks on March 3, 1980 and stated that he would put it in a Savings account to draw interest, and the only outstanding debts that we now have is Aquisition of the Crown Street Property (\$15,000.00). He further stated that anything less than \$100,000.00 will have to be tied up for a six month period, and he didn't think that the Council would want to leave the money lingering in a savings account for that long a period. Money is coming in and going out all the time.

Further discussion continued to pursue on this matter.

Mr. Williams arrived at 7:36 P.M..

MAYORS REPORT

Mr. Tobias read the Mayors Report at 7:37 P.M..

Central Avenue Development Project

Mr. Tobias gave a brief explanation to the Councilmembers on the Bell Property. Safeway had approached the City about buying the Bell Property in September 1979, they wanted the City to sell a portion of the property to build a store. Representatives from Safeway have approached some of the County Councilmembers in an effort to persuade the City to sell. A preliminary study was done by the County Planning Committee, (they

received a UMTA Grant to do the study). The first recommendation was Baber Village, it was suggested that Safeway go over where the market presently is located.

Community Development Block Grant (6PY)

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Tobias to review the \$100,000 for design and initial-right-of way acquisition for Addison Road. He suggested that the Citizens become involved and find out who they should contact because of the aquisition process.

Mr. Tobias stated that he does not think that the county council will approve the \$100,000 i.e.; (for initial right-of-way and design) even though the Staff of Program Planning made this recommendation.

The County Council has not given a firm committment on the \$100,000 (right of way and design of way). It was recommended by Mr. Williams that we get a better clarification on what money that they would allocate for the Street & Road Project.

Mayor Arrington stated that an initial study and acquisition of property was suggested where the narrowing of Addison Road entering into George Palmer Highway occurs. He further stated that he did not think that lobbying strategy for this action was wise at this time because the county council might tamper with the funds that have already been recommended to the City.

FY 1979 AUDIT

Mr. Brooks suggested that Mr. Tobias have the City Clerk and the Administrative Aide bonded by a licensed bonding Company.

Mr. Tobias stated that he would take care of this matter, and report back to the Council.

It was suggested that Mr. Callow should be paid on a yearly basis instead of quarterly.

Mr. Williams questioned Mr. Stump on the Line Item spending ?

Mayor Arrington informed the Council that Mr. Stump is the only one who has the authority to write checks. Mr. Williams stated that the Treasurer's signature means that there is money left in this line item.

Discussion continued to pursue on this matter.

Mr. Blackwell would like Mr. Tobias to arrange a change in schedule with the Civil Air Patrol. Councilmembers will be holding a work session that day.

Mr. Brooks left at 8:45 P.M.

Special Services

Mr. Digennaro suggested that a specific policy should be drawn-up on the City and Council sending flowers and who the flowers should be sent too.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-Complete Count Committee

Mr. Williams expressed concern over the way that the Jaycees delivered the Complete Count flyers for the census. He is personally going to write Mr. Burton a letter expressing his dissatisfaction.

Mr. Williams will present a receipt to the Council for \$35.00, for the payment of the flyers.

Administrative Committee

Mrs. Rosalie Jones expressed concern over the delay in delivery of the Council Packages.

Mr. Tobias assured her there would be no future delays.

Mr. Williams asked if the City could borrow funds to purchase equipment for the Activity Center in order to be able to rent it out.

Recreation Committee

Mr. Gallion stated that the Recreation Committee interviewed two prospects for the Center's Directors position. The final decision will be made by Mr. Joseph Sharpless, Area Director.

Mr. Carroll Holmes Acting Director, had requested \$400.00 for basketball uniforms. The Recreational Committee has approved the request for \$400.00.

Mr. Wylie Hughes past President of the Jaycees addressed the Council on the reduced rate on the rental of the Activity Center, for non-profit organizations.

Mr. Blackwell suggested that a policy should be drawn-up as to what non-profit organizations should be considered for this reduction. He asked Mr. Gallion to meet with the Jaycees and report back with his recommendation to the Council.

Mayor Arrington asked would the Committee consider two things when selecting someone for the responsibility of running the Activity Center.

1. He would like to know if the committee had made a specific recommendation to Mr. Sharpless, and
2. Had the Committee considered someone with a strong leadership ability.

METRO FLASH CARDS

Mr. Bill Cooper from Metro made a presentation to the Council on the Metro Flash Cards. Suburban Trust is the only one handling Flash Passes in Prince George's County. He further contended that it would be beneficial to the citizens of Seat Pleasant as a service to our Citizens. The flash pass would be good for a two week period.

Mr. Williams suggested to councilmembers that we should offer these services to our Citizens.

Mr. Digennaro suggested that the flash passes should not be sold in the City Treasurer's office and sold upstairs in City Hall.

Surplus Equipment & Supplies

Mr. Digennaro expressed concern over the surplus items that were not being used and felt that they should be disposed of as quickly as possible. Some of the items mentioned were; sweeper, lawn mowers, snow plows, etc;

Mr. Digennaro made a motion to sell the sweeper, lawn mowers, and snow plows, etc;

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Mrs. Jones seconded.

Mr. Williams stated that we should get a itemized cost from the Public Works Department on the suggested cost of these items before they were sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 P.M. by the President, Mr. Blackwell.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlotte L. Gunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Charlotte L. Gunn
Acting, City Clerk